



ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A thermal printer in which the occurrence of a sticking phenomenon is reduced includes a thermal head having a heating element, a platen roller urged against the thermal head, a driving mechanism for driving the heating element to print on a printing paper, a paper feeding mechanism for feeding the printing paper in a paper feeding direction by rotating the platen roller with the printing paper sandwiched between the thermal head and the platen roller, a movable mechanism for supporting one of the thermal head and the platen roller so as to be movable in a predetermined direction, and a biasing element for producing a pressing force at a pressing portion between the thermal head and the platen roller. The predetermined direction and the biasing direction are perpendicular to the paper feeding direction at the pressing portion so as to reduce the occurrence of sticking.